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The letter of the Hon. Nathan Appleton to the Boston Whig, and the editor's reply, are significant items among the signs of the times. They follow.

#### LETTER FROM THE HON. N. APPLETON.

To the Editor:—In the Daily Whig of 1st inst., I find my name repeated through a column and an half of matter, the whole object of which purports to be, to make it appear that this humble individual was the cause of the removal of the United States troops from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande, and of course of the war with Mexico.

Heaven bless us! Is this in joke or in earnest? Is your facetious correspondent indulging his fancy in a playful romance, or in brooding over slave power or the evils of slavery, has he himself fallen into bondage to one single idea? I will not decide. The article is elaborately written, and has all the air and manner of sober belief.

But what is the ground-work for this hypothesis? In November last three gentlemen addressed to me a written communication, with their signatures attached to it. They asked my co-operation in certain measures relating to the admission of Texas. They asked me to furnish funds for the circulation of certain printed addresses and circulars of which they enclosed me copies.

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In the mean time a new Congress had been elected with an immense majority, as was well known, in favor of the admission of Texas. Under these circumstances, I considered the attempt to prevent the annexation of Texas, by petition, as futile as would be the attempt to roll back the current of the Mississippi. I was not disposed to be a party to it.

Among the papers which I was asked to assist in circulating, was an address intended to be sent to every clergyman in the country, urging them to devote one Sunday at least to the discussion of this political question. I could not think favorably of this proposal. But the contemptuous manner in which the Constitution of the United States, the bond of our national union, was sneered at, in one of the circulars, gave me unmingled disgust.

The gentlemen who addressed me the note were personal friends whom I highly esteemed. They requested me to give them an answer. In common courtesy I was bound to do so. I sent them the letter to which your correspondent attaches such immense importance. I regretted to see my friends playing into the hands of the *democrats*, the party whose political course had, as I believed, brought Mr. Polk into the Presidency and Texas into the Union. I stated my reasons for declining to act with them. But it was a private letter. It expressed my own opinions. I spoke only for myself. I consulted no one. How then came this dangerous letter, this 'thunder-clap,' published? The parties to whom it was addressed themselves published it, not without comment, but without consulting me at all.

If the letter was the immediate cause of the aggression upon Mexico, are not the publishers as much in fault as the writer? It was not written for publication.

It was written purely and solely for the consideration of friends, not without the hope of influencing at least one of them. These friends have sent it forth on the wings of the wind. They now complain of the mischief which it has done, and characterize it as a 'demonstration' of Mr. Appleton. Did they not perceive its character? Were they not aware of its dangerous tendency?

I have not however the vanity to believe that this simple letter had any effect whatever on public affairs. Your correspondent would seem to infer that it prevented remonstrances being made to Congress by about 780,000 persons; an effect truly magical. It contained in fact no other talisman but a few simple truths; truths common to a vast majority of the community. It was the feeling of these truths in the heart of the country which disappointed the movers of this agitation, and not their appearance with my signature attached to them.

I confess that I have always considered the Union of the States as the palladium of our safety, the only ark of security. To this opinion I have held through good and through evil. I hold to it still.

Notwithstanding my sympathies with the destruction of the Mexican empire, notwithstanding the destruction of 1846, I still cling to the Union of the States. All the evils of bad legislation and bad administration are light, in my apprehension, compared to those which must inevitably follow from a disruption of the States.

I am not disposed to newspaper controversy;

but whether your correspondent was in jest or earnest, I have thought thus much due, to set this matter in its true light before your readers.

N. APPLETON.

August 8, 1846.

#### MR. APPLETON.

It gives us great pleasure to receive from the Hon. Nathan Appleton, the communication which will be found in another column of this day's paper.

He has a right to be heard in any matter in which he thinks his own position has not been set in a true light by our correspondent on the slave power. In all questions that may arise between them, we shall take care not to interfere. But there are some matters of fact alluded to by Mr. Appleton which, unluckily, we do not remember precisely in the way he does, and as they have a most serious bearing upon the position he thought fit last winter to assume, and now endeavors to justify, he will surely not find fault with us if simultaneously with the publication of his view we also give our own.

In October last, at a public meeting held at Cambridge, without distinction of party, a committee of forty gentlemen, representing all parts of the State, was appointed for the purpose of endeavoring to rally as much as possible of the public sentiment of the Free States in general, and of Massachusetts in particular, in opposition to the admission of Texas with a Constitution directly perpetuating slavery, into the Union. This is what Mr. Appleton calls 'the attempt to prevent the annexation of Texas, by petition.' The public must judge whether in this representation he gives an accurate account.

Mr. Appleton is altogether too modest. He seems to forget that in the great and critical Congressional contest between the commercial and the manufacturing interest which took place in Boston, in 1831, he was the victorious representative of the latter. He does not remember that he was the grand compounder of the Tariff of 1842, nor that if we look through the country, it would be impossible to find a more living embodiment of the cotton manufacturing policy than himself. As such it was impossible that the Committee should overlook him. They addressed to him a public letter intended to draw out a public reply of some kind or other. Mr. Appleton now says that he did not so understand it, and that his answer was intended to be private. That answer, whatever it may be called, is on record, and will speak for itself. Although we give entire credit to the affirmation of the gentleman as to his view of its character, we must yet be permitted to think that the three members of the committee to whom it was addressed, and who were bound to give some report of their doings, were not without justification, in the language of the paper itself, for construing it differently, and for submitting it to the judgment of the General Committee.

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the friends of Mr. Appleton might, they could not help admitting that his letter threw more than a doubt upon his lukewarmness in the whole contest with slavery from the beginning. In assuming as he did that it 'was questionable whether the abolition movement is reconcileable with duty under the existing Constitution,' he at least made it questionable whether his opposition to the annexation of Texas on the slavery ground ever had any solid foundation. It certainly released him from all obligation to persevere, in conjunction with the Committee, in resisting its admission as a slave State. But it also made it incumbent upon them to publish his objections to the world. Against the course which the gentlemen thought fit to adopt, very certainly no one had a right to object. But the Committee could not avoid placing upon it the construction which they did, and which the public generally confirmed. It was regarded as the manifesto of the manufacturers of the Whig party, anxious to withdraw the Tariff of 1842 from all identification with the abolition of slavery.

We are glad to hear that their present rulers are squandering away more than THREE MILLION DOLLARS a week to carry on this secured war for the perpetuation and extension of HUMAN SLAVERY—to spread the curse of this institution over the forest land of God's blessed sun, which is yet sustained in its abhorred and polluting presence.

From the American Citizen

#### ABOLITIONISM RETARDING EMANCIPATION.

It is said that the anti-slavery agitation in the South has thrown back the cause of emancipation in the South, and the South are not now prepared to hear the truth on account of this agitation.

A few facts will show that the South were no better prepared to hear the truth before the anti-slavery agitation in the North, than they are now.

More than forty years ago, Father Gilligan established a Sabbath School in North Carolina, to teach the blacks to read the Word of God. It was disbanded by the slaveholders. About thirty years since, Mr. John Rankin commenced a similar school near Lexington, Ky., which was soon broken up by an armed band of slaveholders. Some eighteen years ago, some of the members of the Strawberry Plains Church, East Tennessee, commenced instructing the colored people to read God's word. In a few months it was broken up by slaveholders. About the same time a similar school, by the name of Hill, made in East Tennessee, a few anti-slavery addresses. The surrounding country became so excited that for some time he dared not go out of the institution for fear of his life. About eighteen years ago, a young minister by the name of Eggleton, preached a sermon against slavery in East Tennessee. For this his Presbytery took away his license to preach, and refused to return it again until he pledged himself not to preach any anti-slavery sermon. The occurrence which gave birth to this is in his uniform.

But that very same Congress had been elected in opposition to the Tariff of 1842, a more money question of no more consequence contrast with the other, than a gnat is to an eagle; and yet, Mr. Appleton did not think it like attempting to roll back the current of the Mississippi, to spend time, and labor, and talent, not to speak of money, in contending down to this time his opposition to the repeal of that measure.

In our opinion, he missed his way when he went after Biddlecland and Secretary Walker. The result has proved that the only chance to have saved the Tariff, was to keep out.

Mr. Appleton preferred to put his finger upon one act of their throughout that whole transaction, which will not well compare in patriotism with the very best public act he ever did in his whole life.

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The application will of course be granted. And why not? Texas is the youngest and the favorite daughter of Uncle Sam,—the child of his old age. And it is notorious to a proverb that such children are always indulged in all their little whims and caprices.

She has already been allowed two representatives for a population which, on the scale of justice measured out to her elder sisters, have entitled her to only a fraction over half a one. All the terms of adoption were such as were thought to be agreeable to her. Her little fancies and wishes have always been consulted, and why should they not be, now?

And, besides, it was always understood that the lands which she brought with her as her dower, to which she had in her Spartan childhood helped herself from the possessions of her neighbors, were to be divided to portion off future daughters of our adoption, as their help was wanted. It was an understood part of the bargain that her soul was to furnish uncounted Senators and Representatives, both of the persons who vote in person, and of the other persons three-fifths of each of whom have the privilege of voting by proxy. And it is time for the first fruits of the crop to be gathered. Forty States of the size of Massachusetts, if we remember right, may be carved out of the territory of Texas proper. Eight senators, with a corresponding tail of representatives, would make a very pretty addition to the bodyguard of our Sovereign Mistress, who sits enthroned at Washington. The two senators sent last winter were able to kick over the Tariff of the North. Two more next winter, and so on in a constantly increasing ratio for ten or twenty years to come, what may not they be able to do with whatever the North is pleased to fancy the relics of her rights and interests?

There will be no serious opposition to the division of Texas, or to the admission of the California or of any portion of Mexican territory that may stick to our fingers after the war is over. The northern Whigs, as a party, sold themselves to Slavery, in the hope that she would throw them the Tariff—that long-contested bone of contention—as the reward of their withdrawal of their opposition to Texas. And like most people who sell themselves to the Devil, they have not got their pay. There is every reason to hope that the expansive patriotism of the Representative of Boston in Congress will have ample room and scope enough to revel in; and that his loyalty to the Union, however bounded, will be put to its speed to keep up with our receding frontier. And Messrs. Appleton and Lawrence may find that it is indeed 'too late' to keep the fingers of Slavery from meddling with their cotton webs.

Such a mistake as that of the leaders of the north Whigs (a mistake which in morals would be called by the ugly name of a *crime*) is one which they that commit it rarely or never recover from.

Stoic and comfortable themselves, combining the respectabilities of wealth and of piety, they were not ready to make the resolute stand which could alone drive back their desperate antagonists. They betrayed away their souls to their arch-enemy, and though he has cheated them of the consideration they hoped for, he is by no means willing to let them have the article they parted with back again.

And this is an emergency that calls for all the soul this can muster together.

The deliverance of the nation was at one time in their hands. Though in a minority in the councils of the nation, they had the control of States enough to have stayed the destruction that was hastening upon them. The single State of Massachusetts, had she thrown herself upon her resolute rights, and declared that she would, as she had declared she had a right to do, consider the Union dissolved, and act accordingly, if Texas were annexed, could have rolled back the advancing tide of tyranny, and bade its proud waves be stayed. But dividends were dearer to the leaders of her dominant party than rights, and the competition of foreign operatives more to be desired than the aggrandizement of the slave power.

The slaves are getting their eyes skinned; they begin to see that emancipation must come, and that speedily; and they would like to give the credit to that old Colonization harlot, who is endeavoring now to save the public from the impediments which she has placed in the way of freedom. But hear the Reverend Mr. Whinnom of Mississippi:

'The door that had been shut by the misjudged efforts of the Abolitionists, is again open; and the Society of Friends, to whom the abolitionists are not the North of the East, but little fractions, a few fanatics, who dare not look the truth in the face, are driven to the conviction that he is not a safe guide in the construction of his neighbor's duties either to his country or his God. We unhesitatingly abjure the school of such truths moral and political, be it the 'feeling of men in the heart of the community' what it may.'

\* Extract from the pamphlet of Mr. Appleton, entitled 'What is a revenue standard?' and circulated gratis by hundreds and thousands since November last.

However false and absurd, this is the cry which is expected to break down the Tariff, and there is little doubt it will succeed; for the party have set up the cry, and they have decided majorities in both branches of Congress.'

From the Norfolk County American.

#### THE NEW TARIFF.

New-England—money-making, penny wise and pound foolish, degenerate New-England will suffer. We rejoice to believe it. New-England has bowed low for gain; she has crawled and burrowed herself in the dust of humiliation, in order to increase her per centage of profits, until at last her abject prostrations have invited as well as deserved punishment. The punishment has come, and it is in a glorious consolation.

If it is said that the Whigs will suffer, we reply, that, as a body, they deserve to suffer as much as any other. We rejoice to believe it. And all the arguments of all the slaveholders put together, that was all. But now the time is come.

And when a gentleman of such standing in the cotton manufacturing interest as Mr. Appleton, insulted the founders of the Constitution so far as to maintain that it is questionable whether the abolition movement is reconcileable with duty under it, we are driven to the conviction that he is not a safe guide in the construction of his neighbor's duties either to his country or his God. We unhesitatingly abjure the school of such truths moral and political, be it the 'feeling of men in the heart of the community' what it may.

The author of this foul and lying imputation is the same smart and famous gentleman who in the late Methodist General Conference defied any one to prove that Slavery was wrong! We bring back his falsehood and impudence into his brazen front, and tell him that the land-prates of the South (including the reversed 'wolves in sheep's clothing') are the villains who dare not look the truth in the face.

Herkimer Freeman.

ROMISH ABOLITIONISTS.—The Universal German Gazette states, that since the Pope addressed an apostolic letter to the Sovereigns of Christendom, inviting them to abolish or soften the rigors of the slave-trade, some nuns had gone to Cairo to procure, by purchase, the freedom of Ethiopian women.

Forty of these women, redeemed from slavery, had recently arrived at Rome. They are to proceed to Cluny, in Savoy, where they will receive a Christian education.

THE CUBA BLOODHOUNDS.—The Indiana Freeman has a short paragraph about the bloodhounds which were attempted to be used to hunt down the Florida Indians. Attempted, we say, for they wouldn't follow the trail; either their scent was not so keen as that of the U. S. Government, or else they had more humanity. By whose recommendation, think you, these Spanish dogs were introduced?

By recommendation of GENERAL TAYLOR. That noble officer, as Dr. Bailey calls him.—J. S. Bugle.

A LYING PARTY.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati Herald, writing from Highland county says, 'The Liberty party has been lying almost dormant. We don't know how Liberty party has been lying there, but in some parts of the State it has been lying quite actively.'—Ibid.

There is an evidently increasing discontent among all parties in the free States, at the constant overruling which slavery exerts in our nation. We see that even the Worcester Palladium, one of the most invertebrate Loco-foco papers in this State, ventures to reflect upon the unjust and pernicious course of its own party at Washington, in the distribution of national favors and Washington's partisanship, as to the appointment of R. J. Parsons, of Connecticut, as Minister to Russia. We like to see an opposition of this kind come to the North occasionally.—Sales Register.

#### FLOGGING IN THE BRITISH ARMY.

Lord John Russell intimated last night, that the Duke of Wellington has taken 'the question of military flogging under his consideration.' Rate news this! His Grace entered the army about sixty years ago. In 1787 he became an ensign in the 73d Foot. In 1785, after thirty years peace, the Field-Marshal, then in command, issued an order for flogging under the code of 1751, which was to be applied to all ranks.

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From the same.

#### MR. WINTHROP'S WAR VOTE.



## POETRY.

VERSES.

SUGGESTED BY THE PRESENT CRISIS.

When a deed is done for Freedom, through the broad earth's aching breast  
Runs a thrill of joy prophetic, trembling on from east to west,  
And the slave, where'er he cowers, feels the soul within him climb  
To the awful verge of manhood, as the energy sublimes  
Of a century bursts full-blowned on the thorny stem of Time.

Through the walls of hut and palace shoots the instantaneous throe  
When the travail of the Ages wrings earth's systems to and fro;  
At the birth of each new Era, with a recognizing start,  
Nation wildly looks at nation, standing with mute lips apart,  
And glad Truth's yet mightier man-child leaps beneath the Future's heart.

So the Evil's triumph sendeth, with a terror and a chill,  
Under continent to continent the sense of coming ill,  
And the slave, where'er he cowers, feels his sympathy with God  
In hot tear-drops ebbing earthward, to be drunk up by the sod,  
Till a corpse crawls round unburied, delving in the nobler clod.

For mankind is one in spirit, and an instinct bears along  
Round the earth's electric circle, the swift flash of right or wrong;  
Whether conscious or unconscious, yet Humanity's vast frame  
Through its ocean-sundered fibres feels the gush of joy or shame;  
In the gain or loss of one race, all the rest have equal claim.  
Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of Truth with Falshood, for the good or evil side;  
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,  
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,  
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.  
Have ye chosen, O my people, on whose party ye shall stand,  
Ere the Dooms from its worn sandals shakes its dust against our land?  
Though the cause of evil prosper, yet the Truth alone is strong,  
And, albeit she wander outcast now, I see around her throng  
Troops of beautiful fall angels to enshroud her from all wrong.

Backward look across the ages, and the beacon- actions see,  
That like peaks of some sunk continent jut through oblivion's sea;  
Not an ear in court or market for the lowforehoding cry of those Crises, God's stern winnowers, from whose feet earth's chaff must fly;  
Never shows the choice momentous till the judgment hath passed by.

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's page but record  
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;  
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—

Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.  
We see dimly in the Present what is small and what is great,  
Slow of faith, how weak an arm may turn the iron helm of fate;

But the soul is still oracular; amid the market's din, list the ominous stern whisper from the Delphic cave within.—

They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin.

Slavery, the earth-born Cyclops, fellot of the giant brood,  
Sons of brutal Force and Darkness, who have drenched the earth with blood,

Furnished his self-made desert, blinded by our power,  
Gropes in yet unblasted regions for his miserable prey;

Shall we guide his fiery fingers where our helpless children play?

Then to side with Truth is noble, when we share her writhed crust,  
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis properous to be just;

Then it is the brave man chooses when the coward stands aside,

Doubting in his abject spirit, till his Lord is crucified,  
And the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

For Humanity sweeps onward; where to-day the martyr stands,  
On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hands;

Far in front the Cross stands ready, and the crackling fagots burn,  
While the hooting mob of yesterday in silent awe return

To glean up the scattered ashes into History's golden urn,

We're easy to be heroes as to sit the idle slaves  
Of a legendary virtue carved upon our father's graves;  
Worshippers of light ancestral make the present light a crime,—

Was the Mayflower launched by eowards, steered by men behind their time?

Turn those tracks toward Past or Future, that make Plymouth rock sublime?

They were men of present power, stalwart old iron- casts,  
Unconvinced by axe or gibbet that all virtue was the Faste's;

But we make their truth our falsehood, thinking that hath made us free,

Boarding it in mouldy parchments, while our tender spirits flee

The rude grasp of that great Impulse which drove them across the sea.

They have right who dare maintain them; we are traitors to our sires,

Smothering in their holy ashes Freedom's now-lit altar-fires.

Shall we make their creed our jailor? shall we, in our hate to stay,

From the tombs of the old prophets steal the funeral lamps away,

To light up the martyr fagots round the prophets of to-day?

New occasions teach new duties; Time makes ancient good uncouth;

They must upward, still, and onward, who would keep abreast of Truth;

Lo, before us gleam our camp-fires! we ourselves must Pilgrims be,

Launch our Mayflower, and steer boldly through the desolate winter sea,

Nor attempt the Future's port with the Past's blood- rusted key.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

## For the Liberator.

SYLVANUS COBB—ONCE MORE.

In his paper, the "Christian Freeman," so-called, of August 21, Mr. Cobb complains that in the remarks appended to the correspondence published in the "Liberator" of August 14, I misrepresent him and H. Ballou, 2d. The alleged misrepresentation is contained in the following extract of the remarks alluded to. After mentioning the fact that I had previously stated, that Mr. Cobb and Mr. Ballou had doubted the story of the miraculous conception of Jesus, I added:

"(1.) 'These two brethren now (as I am told) are inclined to avert a little from what has formerly been understood to be their position. Mr. Cobb said, a few days since, that he had not looked into the subject of the miraculous conception so thoroughly as to have his mind definitely settled in relation to it.' (2.) Mr. Ballou, 2d, (I am credibly informed) now says that he has recently been re-examining the subject, and finds more critical evidence than he was before aware of, in favor of the genuineness of those parts of Matthew and Luke which contain the details of the miraculous birth of Jesus. And he, therefore, inclines to the belief that it is not (as he once supposed it might be) an interpolation."

Whatever Mr. Ballou did say, it is my humble opinion that he does not truly cherish unwavering faith in the alleged supernatural conception of Jesus Christ.

This opinion will remain unchanged, till Mr. Ballou himself shall expressly declare that he does actual y believe.

And I wish here to ask both Mr. Ballou and Mr. Cobb, if they have not recently directed their attention to this subject, since the prosecuting affair took place at Beverly? That Mr. Cobb has, seems evident from his article in his paper of Aug. 7th, in which he learnedly referred to Epiphanius and Jerome, two of the Christian Fathers, as they are termed, but not knowing in what century they lived, put a dash in place of the number, saying in 'the — century.'

Towards the close of my remarks in the "Liberator," as will be resolute, I used the following language concerning Mr. Ballou:

"I should not be greatly surprised to hear, in the course of a few months, that he and Brother Cobb begin to re-examine the Trinity, and think more favorably of it. To serve the purpose of an occasion, sectarian Universalism can ill afford with its ancient-old-fashioned orthodoxy. 'The same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together.'

Mr. Cobb tries to get up a little sympathy for Mr. Ballou. He avers that the 'charge' contained in the foregoing and in some remarks that preceded it, will be 'looked upon by Mr. B.'s many acquaintances, of all sects and parties, with just contempt.' Brother Cobb, can't you snipe a few minutes? What I said of Mr. B. I believe to be a fair statement of the case. I did not intimate that he was peculiarly dishonest. I merely expressed, in a sarcastic way, the opinion (which is entertained by more than one) that he has, at late years, grown conservative. And is this an irrational supposition? Is he above the reach of such conservative influences as tend to warp the judgment and sometimes make the moral perception rather hazy and dim?

On his return to Beverly, on the same afternoon of the 'protest,' he intimated very strongly that there were many preachers in the Particular denominations, who were sincerely believing in Universalism. He was quite caustic in his remarks upon such persons—saying of them as guilty of 'hypocrisy,'—as those who heard him will remember. And besides, in September, 1842, when the U. S. Convention of Universalists met in Providence, R. I., he preached in a Unitarian Church, (granted by courtesy, for the occasion,) and then and there gently ousted the Unitarians, insinuating that some of them were hypocritical, governed (in their treatment of the subject of human destiny,) by policy, rather than by principle! His text was, 'I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel.' (Galatians, ii. 14.) On that occasion, he gave us a definition of 'hypocrisy,' which was not very mealy-mouthed! Now he is exempt from those influences, which he makes bold to say have wrought upon the Orthodox and Unitarians? 'Judge not, that ye be not judged.'

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The editor of the "Freeman" thinks my apology for publishing the 'private' correspondence which appeared in the "Liberator," (which apology was the fact that he had read his letter, intended for me, aloud, in the presence of several persons, whence the rumor of it had gone abroad,) is 'poor pretense.' It cannot be disguised, that he is vexed to think there is a free paper in Boston! That is the grand secret of his complaining now! He enthralls himself on his wooden stool, as an editorial autocrat—he misrepresents the opinions, and throws out insinuations against the characters of other people; and then when his brethren (as did Dr. W. M. Fernald and myself) speak admission into the columns of his so-called 'Free-man,' to correct, in the kindest manner, his misrepresentations, he shuts the door of his journal, and drives us away to the "Liberator," the bulwark of freedom and reform; where the gate flies open instinctively, at the touch of Truth, seeking for ordinance through which to cast falsehood her effete shot! And yet this same editorial Pope tantalizingly exclaims, 'Have I misrepresented any man's opinions? Have I done injustice to any man's character? Let our friends communicate with us freely on these matters.'

White waited quietly in my home, I received a letter from a brother preacher, who resides at a distance of some four miles, informing me that Mr. Cobb's letter was read by many in the presence of several preachers; and another brother verbally informed me that Doctor Ballou advised him to omit some parts of it; but what parts my informant did not give me to understand, directly or indirectly; for we conversed but a moment or two, on the subject. I inferred, however, that the parts were some of those wherein Mr. Cobb was severe towards me. Yet this same Mr. Cobb has the effrontery to speak thus, in his paper, impugning my veracity: 'All he (Mr. Ballou) desired us to omit were the adjectives we prefixed to these few lines in his next paper.'

With regard to our confirmed belief in the authority of the narrative in question, the reader will see the full expression of it in the article referred to in the Freeman of the 7th inst.'

We turn to the "Freeman of the 7th inst," and find the article referred to characterized by *erasions*, rather than a "full expression," as he pretends. It characterizes 'craft' if not "duplicity" both which characterize Mr. Cobb has so freely and unjustly charged upon Mr. Parker! Let us examine the article, a little. The following paragraphs are extracts from it:

'We have never, to any person, expressed a disbelief of the account of the miraculous conception of Christ, or the opinion that he was the natural son of God. We have, when questioned on this subject, stated the well-known fact, that the general concurrence of opinion among learned Biblical critics as to the genuineness of that particular account in Matthew and Luke, and that we had not investigated the arguments pro and con with sufficient thoroughness to pronounce on their merits with the same confidence with which we would pronounce on Scriptural questions in general. And in accounting for our neglect to procure the authorities on both sides, and push our investigation of this point, we have named the fact, that the circumstance of the miraculous conception was never referred to by the ministering apostles of Jesus as constituting any important item in the Christian faith, and therefore my attention had not been imperatively referred to it. But I never disbelieved it. My preceding opinion has always been that it was true. And I never more fully confirmed my mind in the truth of this narrative.'

I want the readers of the "Liberator" all to understand, (for I cannot obtain access to the readers of the "Freeman"), that the head and front of my offending is this: I had the temerity to plead, at Beverly, that the Christian name might be accorded to every one who claimed it, who believed in Christ in any acceptable sense, and who was sincerely trying to live the Christian life; even if he could not believe some or all of the miraculous narratives of the New Testament. For doing this, in the most loving spirit, (as those present will bear me witness,) Mr. Cobb has upon me without mercy, in his paper; talked about 'purging the denomination,' 'intimated that I am a delinquent, insinuated that I am a 'vain young man,' charged me with practising deceit, because I continue in the ministry, and in his whole treatment of me assumed a haughty and imperious tone, as if he were the special vicegerent of Deity, empowered to say who is and who is not a Christian. Week after week he has kept me name ringing in his columns, and flung at me the most ungenerous and vituperative sentences. And now, after letting loose upon me the war-dogs of sectarian malice, and crying, in his hourly, lusty tones, 'Seize him, boys!' till he has raised din enough to provoke a less nervous man than myself, he very plausibly explains through his paper, in reference to me, because of what I said in the "Liberator." 'We could not have believed him capable of descending so low.... May God restore him from his *delusion* and *folly*!!! Why did not Mr. Cobb 'let me alone' after expressing, as he had a right to do, his dissent from my opinions? I tell him there are many who think he has conducted

Cobb know what the word "story" means? Let him take Worcester's Dictionary, (the present standard,) and he will find printed therein the following definition:—*Brown: a tale, a narrative, a loft, a set of rooms.* And yet, for applying this term to a certain part of the New Testament, which he acknowledges to be a *disputed part*, he would, by implication, charge me with irreverence or unfairness, or both! I may say of him, in his own words, which he applies to me: 'He is truly great at throwing little masters into such a form of statement as to make them hasty.'

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